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The Honorable Andrew L. Carter, Jr. United States District Judge Southern District of New York United States Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Jose Luis Tejada Ayabar 21 Cr. 599-01(ALC)

Dear Judge Carter:

This office represents **Jose Luis Tejada Ayabar**, a defendant in the above referenced matter, which is on for sentencing on January 11, 2024. **We write, with the consent of the Government (AUSA Li) to request a 45 day adjournment of the sentence (to late February**) as there was an extensive delay in reviewing the final draft of Mr. Tejada Aybar's sentencing submission and the undersigned is now engaged in a a homicide trial in the Bronx which is scheduled to run through the end of January (*People v. Guzman*, Justice Guy Mitchell). We intend to have filed, by the end of January, our presentencing submission which may result in a Fatico type hearing, and further consideration , prior to sentencing, by the Court.

As stated above, the Government (AUSA Alexander Li) does not object to this request. The Court's consideration of this request is respectfully appreciated.

Yours truly,

John Russo

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Cc: AUSA Alexander Li

The application is **GRANTED**. The sentencing is adjourned to 2/27/24 at 2:00 p.m.

So Ordered.

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